

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2518 – SB 2585

February 9, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires an automatic, supervised recount of all votes cast in any election in which the voter margin separating the top two candidates is within one-half of one percent of the total votes cast in the election.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Under the provisions of this bill, recounts may or may not occur and could be required at the county or state level.
- The cost of such recount would depend upon the kind of election, whether the recount was required statewide, and whether the recount was required to be done in a single jurisdiction or multi-jurisdiction.
- A recount would be a rare occurrence for a statewide election, while recounts in local races would probably occur more frequently. However, any local expenditure for an automatic recount at the local level in any given election is estimated to be not significant.

For information purposes, significant local government expenditures relative to an automatic recount would be incurred only if a statewide recount was necessary. It is estimated that such cost could exceed \$289,000 based on an automatic recount by hand at an average cost of \$5,000 per recount for punchcard and optical scan counties (2 counties) and an average cost in all other counties of \$3,000 (93 counties).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director